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Applicant: Makoto Horiuchi, et al.
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Lamp Unit
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.5, §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the references identified on the Form HDP-1449 (based on Form PTO-1449) attached hereto are being cited for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants have identified the art by patent number and inventor and is providing a copy of the references cited herewith.

It is Applicants' opinion that the claims presently on file continue to be patentably distinct from each of these references, either singly or in any combination. The references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admissions that they constitute statutory prior art or contain material which anticipates the invention which would render the same obvious, either singly or in any

combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Respectfully submitted,

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